

## JOYCE OERLEMANS HAUG

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 5458]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 5458) for the relief of Joyce Oerlemans Haug, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to waive the racial barrier to admission into the United States in behalf of the minor half-Japanese stepdaughter of a United States citizen serviceman. The child would be considered to be a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of United States citizens.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is the minor half-Japanese stepdaughter of Master Sgt. John E. Haug, who is presently on duty in Japan with our Armed Forces and who is married to the mother of the child.

Congressman Ralph A. Gamble, the author of the bill, submitted to a subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives the following information in connection with the bill:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington 25, D. C., March 31, 1952.

Hon. FRANCIS E. WALTER,  
*Chairman, Subcommittee No. 1, Committee on the Judiciary,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington 25, D. C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The attached are forwarded to support H. R. 5458, for the relief of Joyce Oerlemans Haug.

The little girl is the stepdaughter of Master Sgt. John E. Haug and is half-Japanese which necessitates the introduction of the bill and its passage so that Mrs. Haug's little girl may be brought to the United States when the sergeant returns for duty here.

It is my understanding that no further steps toward the adoption of Joyce can be taken until the stepfather comes back to the United States.

If the bill may be promptly considered by the subcommittee and favorably reported I shall appreciate it.

Very sincerely yours,

RALPH A. GAMBLE.

FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOURTH SIGNAL DEPOT COMPANY,  
APO 503, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., May 27, 1951.

MR. RALPH A. GAMBLE,

*House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

DEAR MR. GAMBLE: In April of 1950 I corresponded with you on a matter concerning immigration. At that time you informed me that your term of office was nearing termination, therefore it would be impossible for you to follow through on any action you might initiate. You further informed me of a bill in Congress that you believed would cover any situation. The law that derived from that bill only covered Japanese citizens and children of whom one parent was an American citizen. Since my situation did not come into the above category, I was unable to benefit by that law. In closing, you stated that if my matter had not been settled by this year and if you were still in Congress I should contact you to see what could be done. That is why I am writing to you at this time.

At the time I originally corresponded with you I was attempting to get military approval to marry but was unable to do so because my fiancée had in her custody a child who could not be permitted to enter the United States. The following paragraphs explain the situation as it is now, including the most recent developments.

In April of this year, through permission of the Army, I was married to a woman of Netherlands citizenship. My wife has a child, also a Netherlands citizen, from a previous marriage to a Japanese. Under existing regulations a child of 50 percent or more Japanese blood, regardless of nationality, is not permitted to enter the United States if neither of the parents are American citizens. I presented this matter to the legal assistance officer, Japan Logistical Command, and found that the only way I would be permitted to bring my wife's child to the United States for adoption would be through a private bill authorizing her entrance. I have been advised of another bill on immigration presently in Congress but am unable to get specific information on its contents or status. This bill would necessarily have to be very broad to benefit me, and if it is that broad, it would undoubtedly be some time before it becomes a law.

Owing to the present world situation and the fact that I have thus far completed 52 months of consecutive duty with the occupation forces here in Japan it is very possible that I could be reassigned causing my wife to leave Japan and leave her daughter here which is almost unthinkable since neither of us have relatives in this country to care for the child. Therefore it is my earnest desire that I get a private bill initiated or any other means of authority permitting our little girl to enter the United States.

If any additional information is required for you to consider this matter it will be forwarded upon receipt of your request.

Any attention you might possibly give this matter will be greatly appreciated by my wife, myself, and our families.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. HAUG,

*Sergeant First Class, United States Army.*

DETACHMENT B (PROVISIONAL),  
YOKOHAMA SIGNAL DEPOT,  
8084TH ARMY UNIT,  
APO 503, CARE OF POSTMASTER,  
San Francisco, Calif., March 24, 1952.

RALPH A. GAMBLE,

*Congress of the United States,*

*House of Representatives, Washington 25, D. C.*

DEAR MR. GAMBLE: I have your letter of February 7, 1952, in which you indicated that I should forward to you for possible submission to the House Committee on the Judiciary, letters of recommendations from my commanding

officer and chaplain and two statements of character from persons with whom I am well acquainted. Since I have not actually resided in the United States for a period of over 5 years I thought it better to forward letters from persons with whom I am presently acquainted. I am hoping the enclosed letters are satisfactory.

In an effort to remain in Japan until such time as Joyce may be permitted to enter the United States, I am initiating a request to my commanding officer for extension of overseas tour. The request will explain all the circumstances surrounding Joyce's situation, including H. R. 5458. I have thus far received verbal encouragement on the possibility of approval, however I will not definitely know the result for some time. I am, of course, hoping it will receive favorable consideration.

Incidentally, the "son" whom Chaplain Naylor referred to is Johnny, Jr., Joyce's "big" little 9½-pound brother who arrived February 24.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. HAUG,  
Master Sergeant, United States Army.

CERTIFICATE

MARCH 20, 1952.

*To Whom It May Concern:*

I have this date interviewed Master Sgt. John Edward Haug, RA12259776, Detachment B YSD, Eight Thousand and Eighty-fourth AU, APO 503, and his wife Elizabeth Oerlemans Haug, Dutch citizen, concerning their desire to adopt Joyce Oerlemans, daughter of Mrs. Haug by a former marriage.

Having counseled with them concerning parental responsibilities, I believe their concept of such responsibilities is a mature one. Their desire to take the child to the United States is motivated by love for the child and not merely by a sense of duty. They have arranged for me to give Christian baptism to Joyce and to their son and have expressed their intention of maintaining a Christian home.

Sergeant Haug's present rating in the Army is sufficient to provide adequate financial care of the child and they have demonstrated their ability so to provide over a period of more than a year past.

It is my opinion that the taking of the child to the United States and the adoption will be for the welfare of the parties concerned, of their home and of society at large.

DUNCAN N. NAYLOR,  
038860, Chaplain (Major) USA,  
Sta Comp, Camp Yokohama, 8064th AU.

DETACHMENT B (PROVISIONAL),  
YOKOHAMA SIGNAL DEPOT,  
EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOURTH ARMY UNIT,  
APO 503, March 15, 1952.

Subject: Character reference Master Sergeant Haug.

*To Whom It May Concern:*

I have known Master Sgt. John E. Haug, a member of this organization, for approximately 2 months. During this time his service both on the job and as a soldier has been exemplary. His character, integrity, and fidelity could justly be considered the criteria for measuring the attributes of a good soldier.

KARL E. ROOT,  
Captain Signal Corps, Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS JAPAN LOGISTICAL COMMAND,  
OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER,  
APO 343, March 7, 1952.

Re Master Sgt. John E. Haug, RA12259776, United States Army.

*To Whom It May Concern:*

I, the undersigned, have known Master Sgt. John E. Haug for 2 years. During this period of time I was his commanding officer for over a year. As Sergeant Haug's commanding officer I was in intimate daily contact with him. I deem

Sergeant Haug to be one of the most honest, trustworthy, and conscientious soldiers I have ever known. The character of Sergeant Haug is beyond reproach, and has at all times been a credit to the United States Army and his country.

In addition to the attributes stated above Sergeant Haug is admired, trusted, and respected by all officers and men of his unit. I shall be most happy to supply any further information that may be desired regarding Sergeant Haug.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY B. RAFF,  
Major, United States Army.

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REPAIR BRANCH, MAINTENANCE DIVISION,  
YOKOHAMA SIGNAL DEPOT,  
8084TH ARMY UNIT,  
APO 503, March 12, 1952.

Subject: Statement of character.

*To Whom It May Concern:*

I have known Master Sgt. John E Haug for a period of 16 months. He has never been under my direct supervision; however, I have had periodic observations of his work. From our contact, I was impressed by his honesty, reserved manner, attention to duty, neatness, initiative, and sobriety. At no time did he display any evidence of carelessness, disrespect, or immorality.

In my opinion he is of excellent character and is a distinct asset to the military service.

EMMETT J. WELCH,  
Major, Signal Corps, Yokohama Signal Depot.

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HEADQUARTERS CENTRAL COMMAND  
EIGHT THOUSAND AND SECOND ARMY UNIT  
OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER,  
APO 503, March 10, 1952.

Subject: Letter of recommendation.

*To Whom It May Concern:*

1. The undersigned recommends to those concerned, Master Sgt. John E. Haug, RA12259776.

2. In the year that I was Chief, Contract Administration Division, Yokohama Signal Depot, Eight Thousand Eighty-fourth A. U. APO 503, Master Sergeant Haug was under my direct supervision as noncommissioned officer in charge. In this capacity he displayed qualities of intelligence, common sense, integrity, and loyalty to his superiors. One of Master Sergeant Haug's outstanding attributes is his adaptability and his ability to evaluate situations and take aggressive action where required.

3. Master Sergeant Haug has my wholehearted backing in any venture he might attempt, and I will be pleased to have him in my organization at any future time.

FRANK H. FOGEL,  
Major, Signal Corps,  
0410088, Signal Officer.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 5458) should be enacted.